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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1837

AMCONGEN FRANKFURT PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 0807

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: SUSPECTED UNCLASSIFIED POUCH TAMPERING

1. THE POST HAS REASON TO SUSPECT THAT UNCLASSIFIED AIR POUCHES SENT OUT TWICE WEEKLY ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY ARE BEING TAMPERED WITH AND MATERIALS REMOVED. THE SUSPICION STEMS FROM NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FROM EMPLOYEES THAT PERSONAL MAIL, E.G., LETTERS, BILL PAYMENTS, BANK DEPOSITS, ARE NOT REACHING THE INTENDED DESTINATION. ONE POUCH GOES DIRECTLY TO THE AMCONGEN FRANKFURT POUCH CENTER WHERE IT IS OPENED AND ROUTED FOR SUBSEQUENT POUCH DELIVERIES. THE OTHER GOES TO WASHINGTON VIA FRANKFURT AIRPORT. THE POST IS UNCERTAIN WHERE THE PROBLEM EMANATES BUT SUSPECTS IT MAY BE HERE AT OTOPENI AIRPORT, BUCHAREST. OUR PRESENT PROCEDURE ALLOWS FOR SEVERAL HOURS OF POUCH ACCESS BY THE ROMANIANS FOLLOWING RELINQUISHMENT OF POUCHES TO GOR CUSTOMS.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF IN FACT THE ROMANIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND FRANKFURT IS SOLICITED. THE POST HAS APPLIED BLUE-GREEN FLUORESCENT PAINT TO BOTH SIDES OF THE METALLIC POUCH SEALS AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT UPON ARRIVAL AT THE RESPECTIVE POUCH CENTERS THE SEALS BE CHECKED WITH A BLACK LIGHT TO DETERMINE IF THE ORIGINAL SEAL HAS BEEN REPLACED OR OBVIOUSLY TAMPERED WITH.

3. THE POUCHES ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART BUCHAREST 1810 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 ON LUFTHANSA 371. BUCHAREST/FRANKFURT "A" POUCH TO ARRIVE FRIDAY 2040. FRANKFURT COORDINATE WITH GORDON LANE AT POUCH CENTER. BUCHAREST/DEPARTMENT POUCH DEPARTING FRANKFURT
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4. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF CHECKS.
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